You have been selected?

What to expect now that you have been selected for a Federal Fiscal Monitoring

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New Process for FY2014

- In July of 2014 a new process is implemented
- Email will initiate the audit
- Risk indicators
- Three stages (Low, Moderate, High)
- 3 year cycle
- High Risk will be visited more often and will require an on-site visit
- Schedule will be posted online for each quarter

Monitoring covers...

- Eligibility
- Allow-ability
- Cash Management
- Equipment and property management
- Time and Effort
- Procurement Process
- Internal Policies and controls
- Identify recurring problems

Stage 1 – Analyze Financial reports to ensure accountability

- Desk Based level overall business (policies and procedures)
- Audit Guide Questionnaire
- Previous Audits
- New sub-recipient
- Turnover
- New accounting system
- Prior monitoring concerns

Stage 2 – Eligible Expenditures and Accountability

- Desk or on-site review
- Accountability (meeting deadlines, complete and accurate policies and procedures, requested documentation, etc.)
- Amount of Award
- Previous Corrective Action Plans

Stage 3 - On-Site Monitoring

- On-site monitoring required
- LEA will be notified in advance when auditors will be visiting
- Will look at high risk categories
- May require:
 - > Fixed Asset Review
 - Assistance with process implementation

Final Results:

- LEA representatives will receive communication throughout the process regarding findings (if any)
- In conclusion to the analysis, a short report will be issued and emailed with the results and any further action that may be required
- Corrective Action Plan may be required
- High Risk will result in more frequent monitoring

Noncompliance:

- May result in withholding of federal grant award
- High Risk Designation
- Questionable costs
- Disallowed expenditures and refund of money (out of state funds, not federal)
- Ensure LEA took appropriate and timely corrective action on findings

Tips...

- DOCUMENTATION!!!
 - Is Key
- Ask Questions prior to due dates
- Make sure policies and procedures are complete and accurate
- Visit the Federal Fiscal Monitoring webpage regularly for updates
- Check email for updates from our monitoring department

Improvements...

- Each entity will be monitored every three years
- New sub-recipients will be monitored their second year of business
- In FY2013 18 LEA's reviewed were monitored (\$34 million - up to 6 grants)
- In FY2014 an estimated 190 LEA's will be monitored (\$54 million – up to 4 grants)

How do I minimize the effect of a monitoring?

- Meet all deadlines (if a deadline is missed the LEA will automatically move to the next level of risk)
- Check monitoring schedule online and review list of requirements
- Be proactive. All items due will be communicated and/or posted online

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